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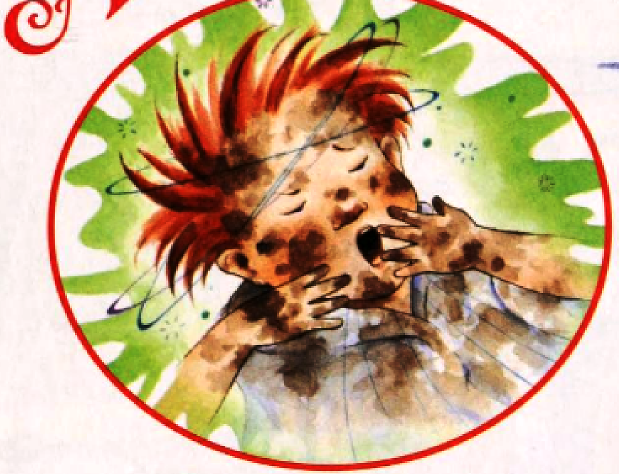

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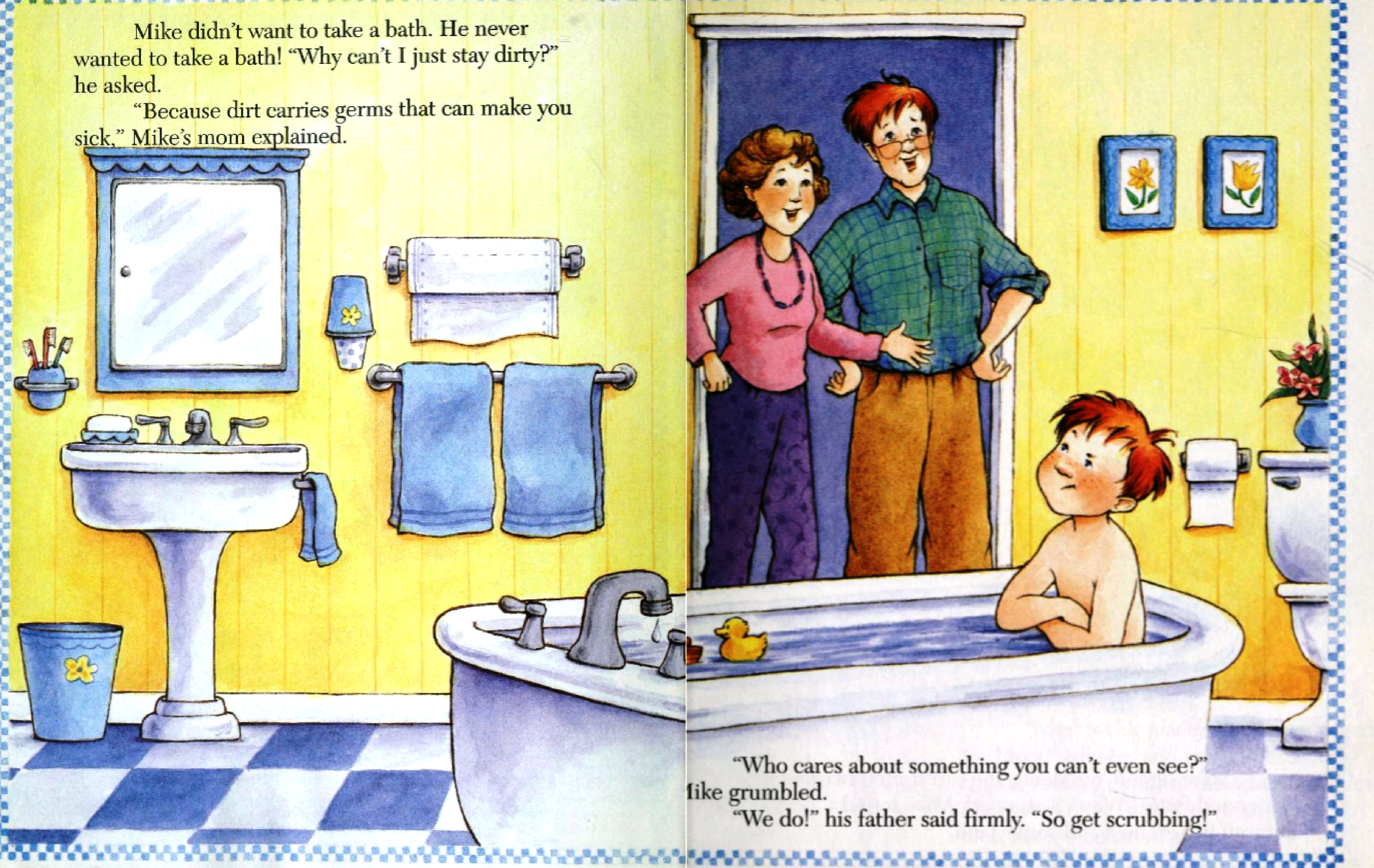
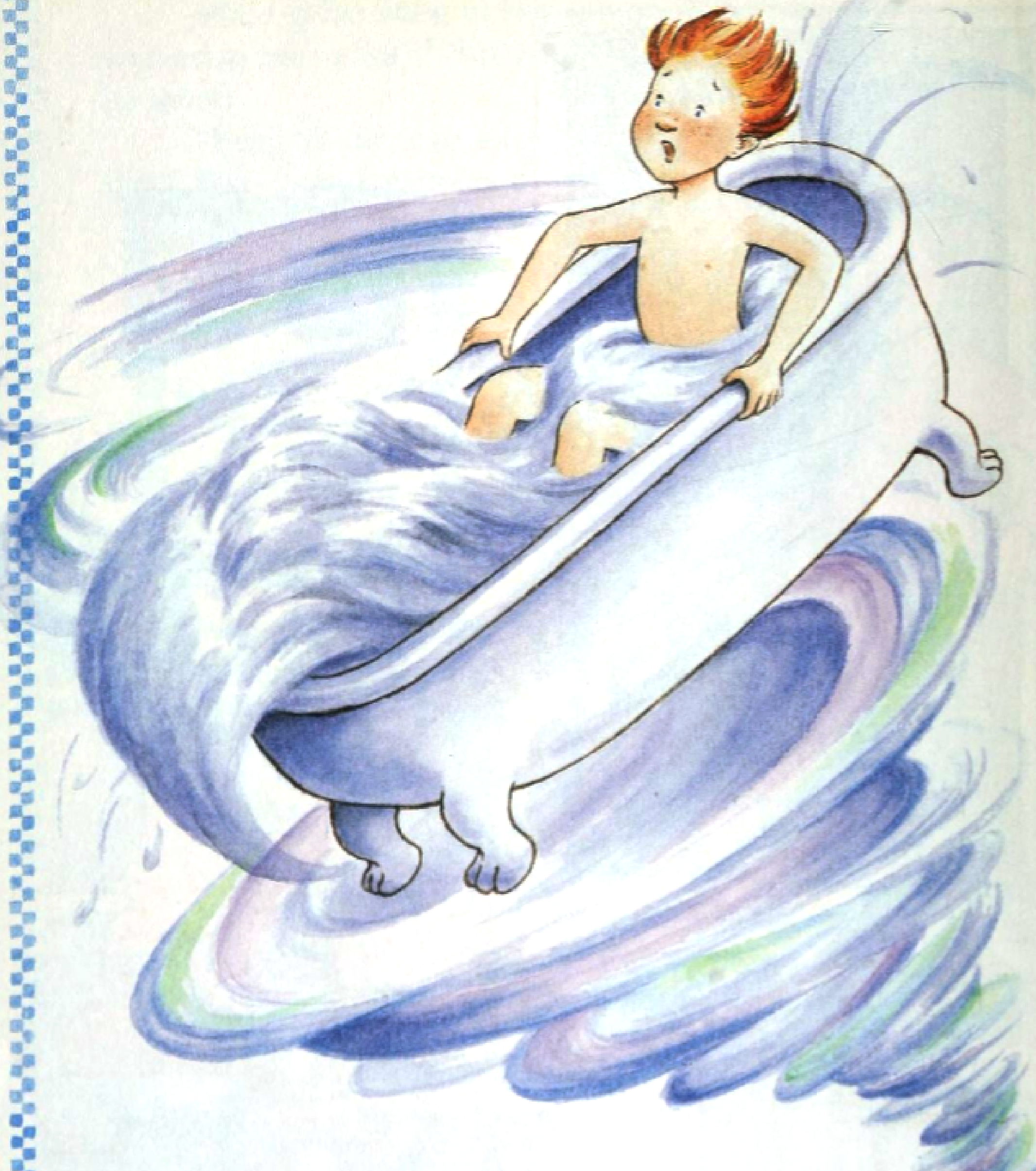
Mike didn't want to take a bath. He never wanted to take a bath! "Why can't I just stay dirty?" he asked.

"Because dirt carries germs that can make you sick," Mike's mom explained.

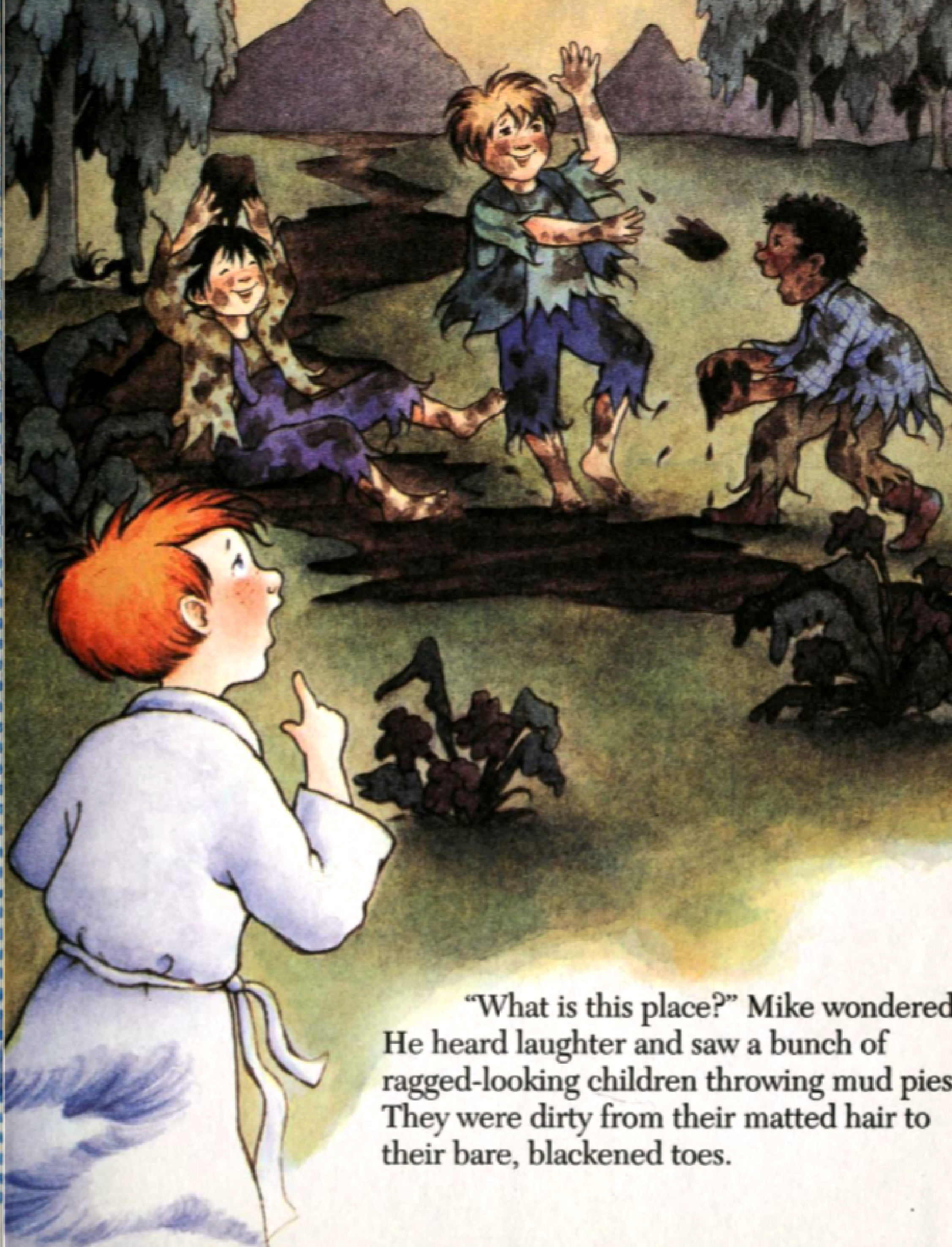


"Who cares about something you can't even see?" ike grumbled.

"We do!" his father said firmly. "So get scrubbing!"



Mike sighed. Suddenly, the tub started twirling, faster and faster! When it stopped, Mike found himself in a strange and stinky land.

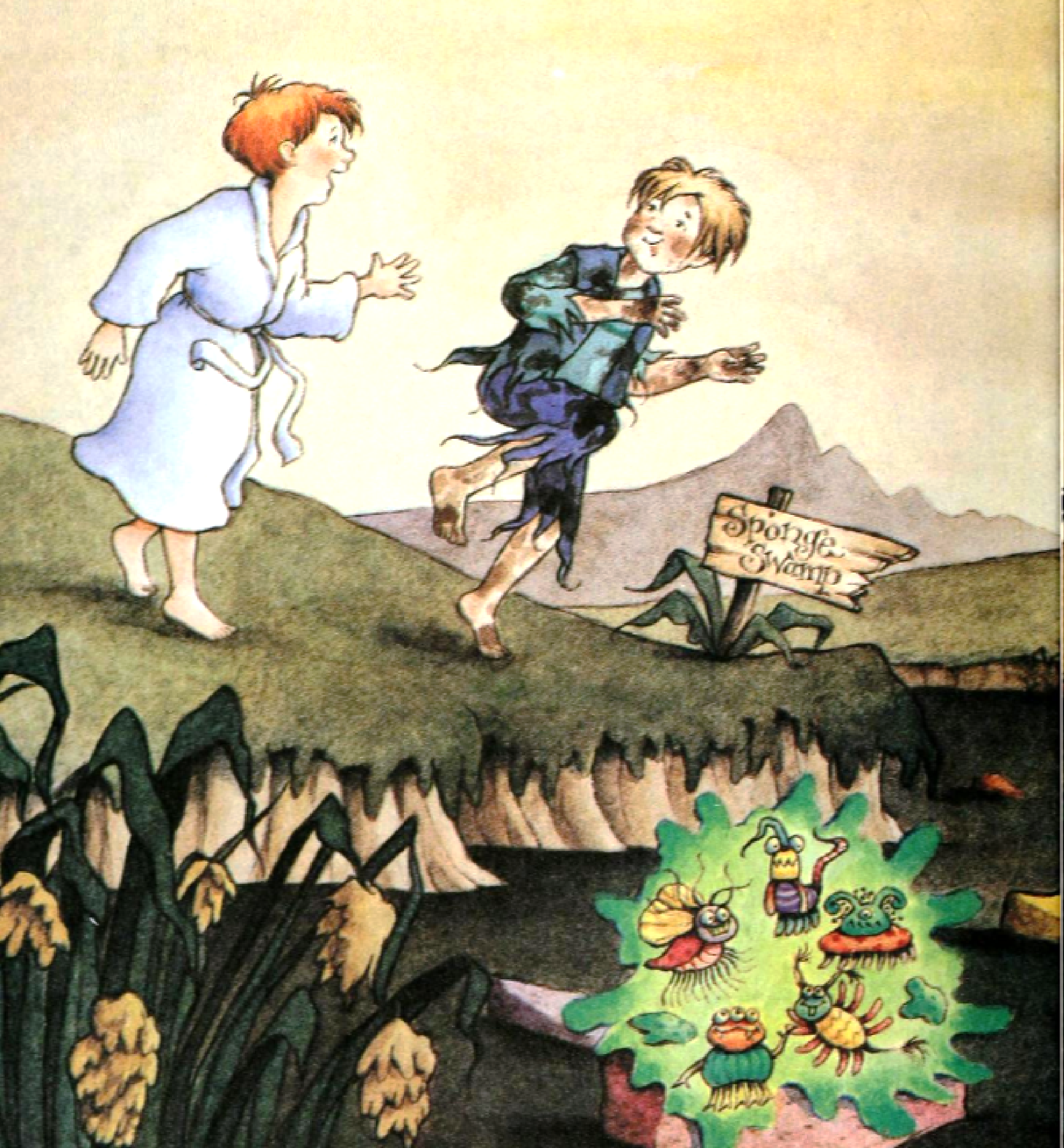


"What is this place?" Mike wondered He heard laughter and saw a bunch of ragged-looking children throwing mud pies They were dirty from their matted hair to their bare, blackened toes.

"Let's go to the Sponge Swamp!" the biggest one shouted.

"My name is Mike," said Mike. "Can I come too?"

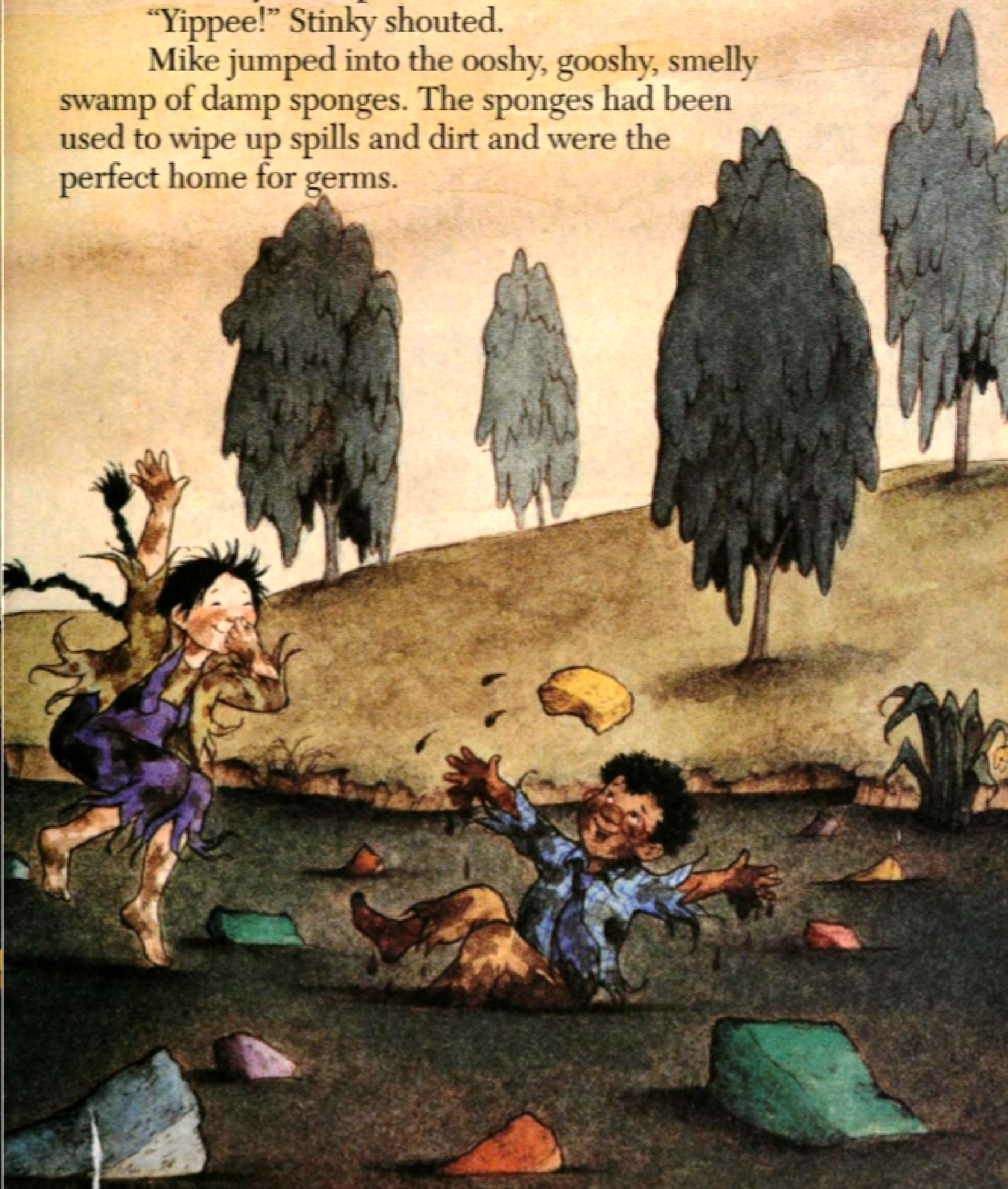
The children introduced themselves as Grubby, Stinky and Trash. They were so dirty Mike could barely tell them apart!

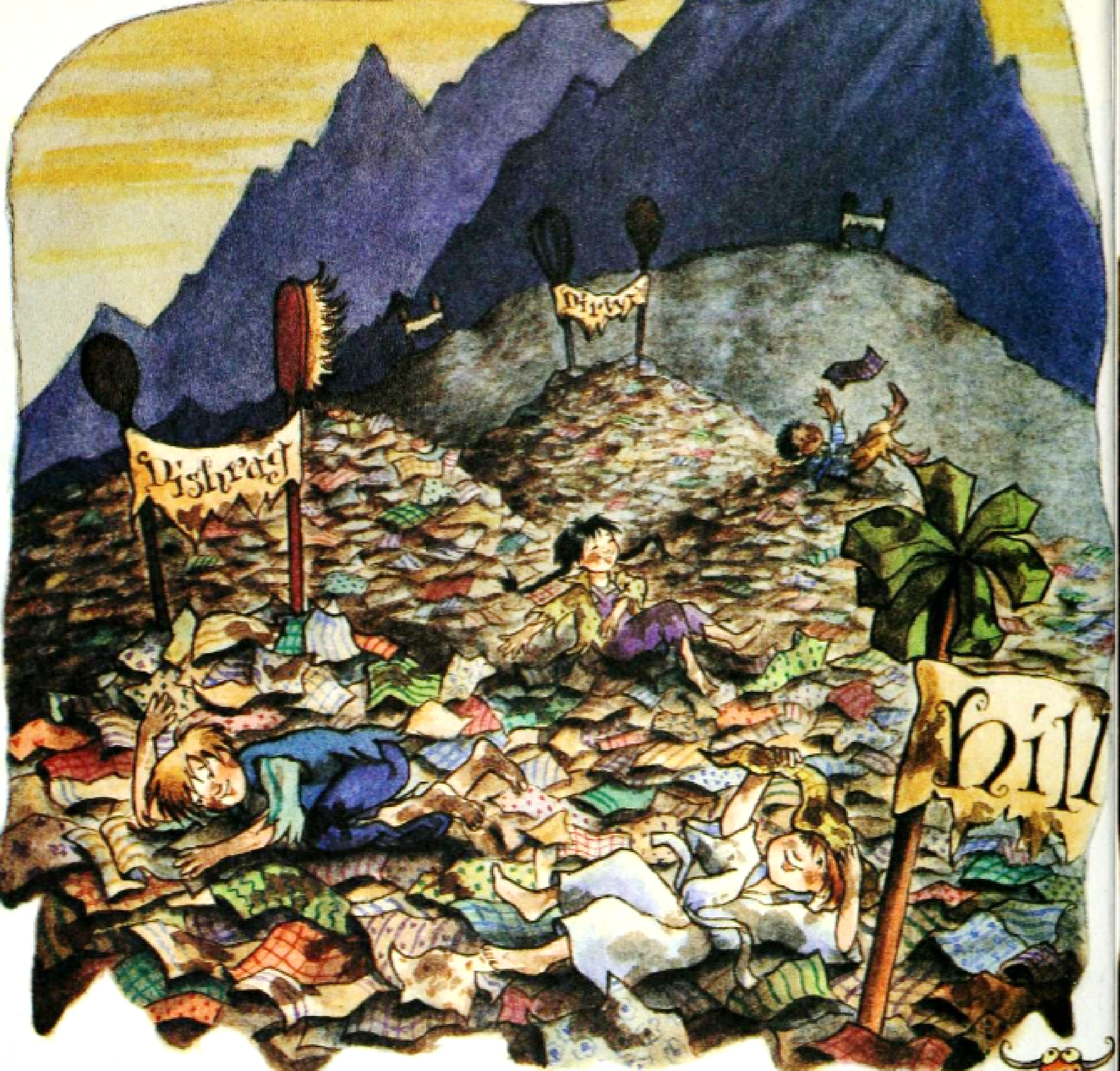


"Squa-wishhhhhhh!" Grubby cried as he plunged into the mucky swamp.

"Yippee!" Stinky shouted.

Mike jumped into the ooshy, gooshy, smelly swamp of damp sponges. The sponges had been used to wipe up spills and dirt and were the perfect home for germs.

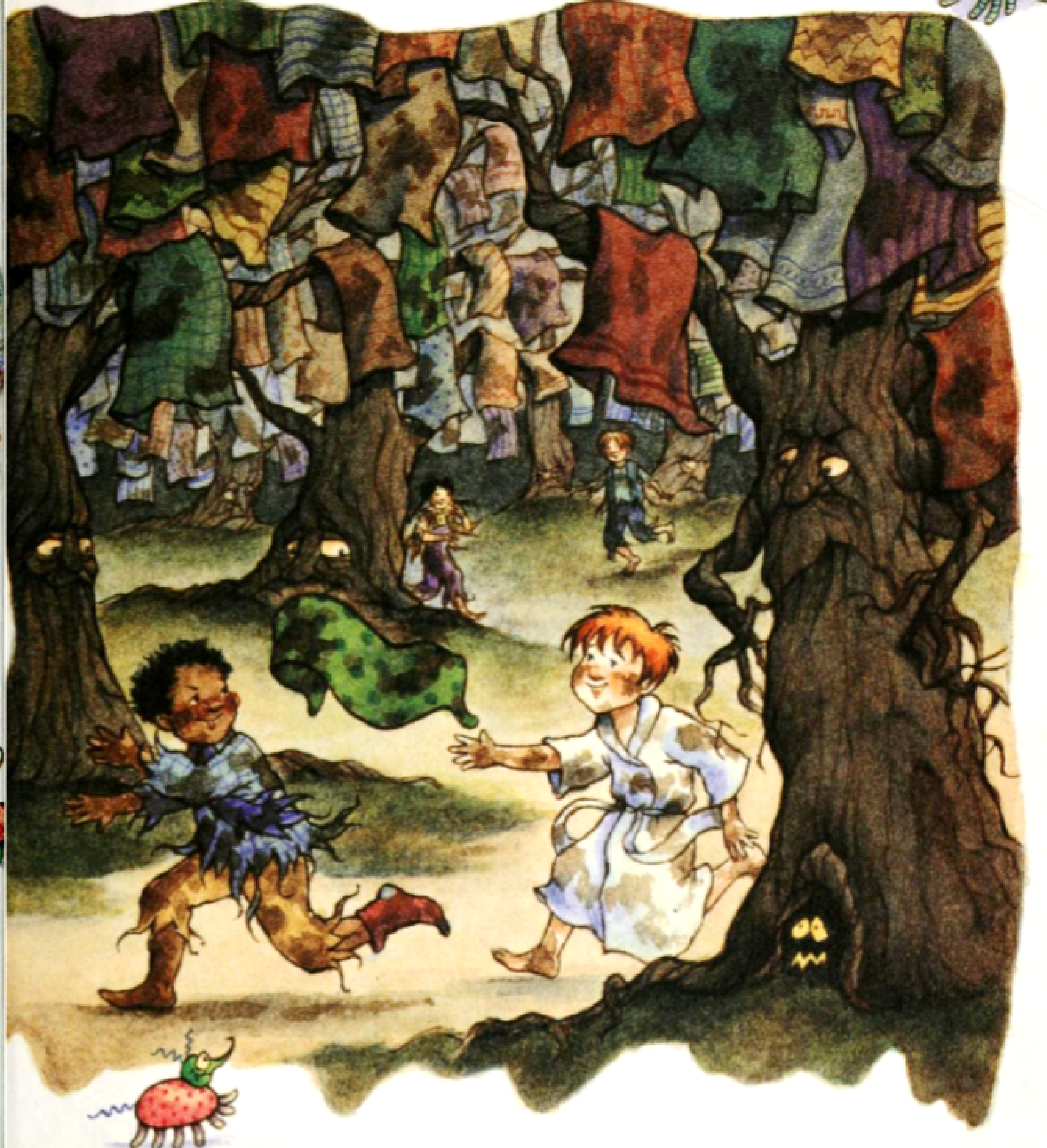




When they grew bored of Sponge Swamp, Mike, Stinky, Grubby and Trash rolled down Dirty Dishrag Hill. Mike tumbled over and over on the sticky slope of damp dishrags. The Hill stayed forever cold because it lay in the shadow of the great Mud Mountain, and it was very moldy because lots of invisible germs grew in the dark.

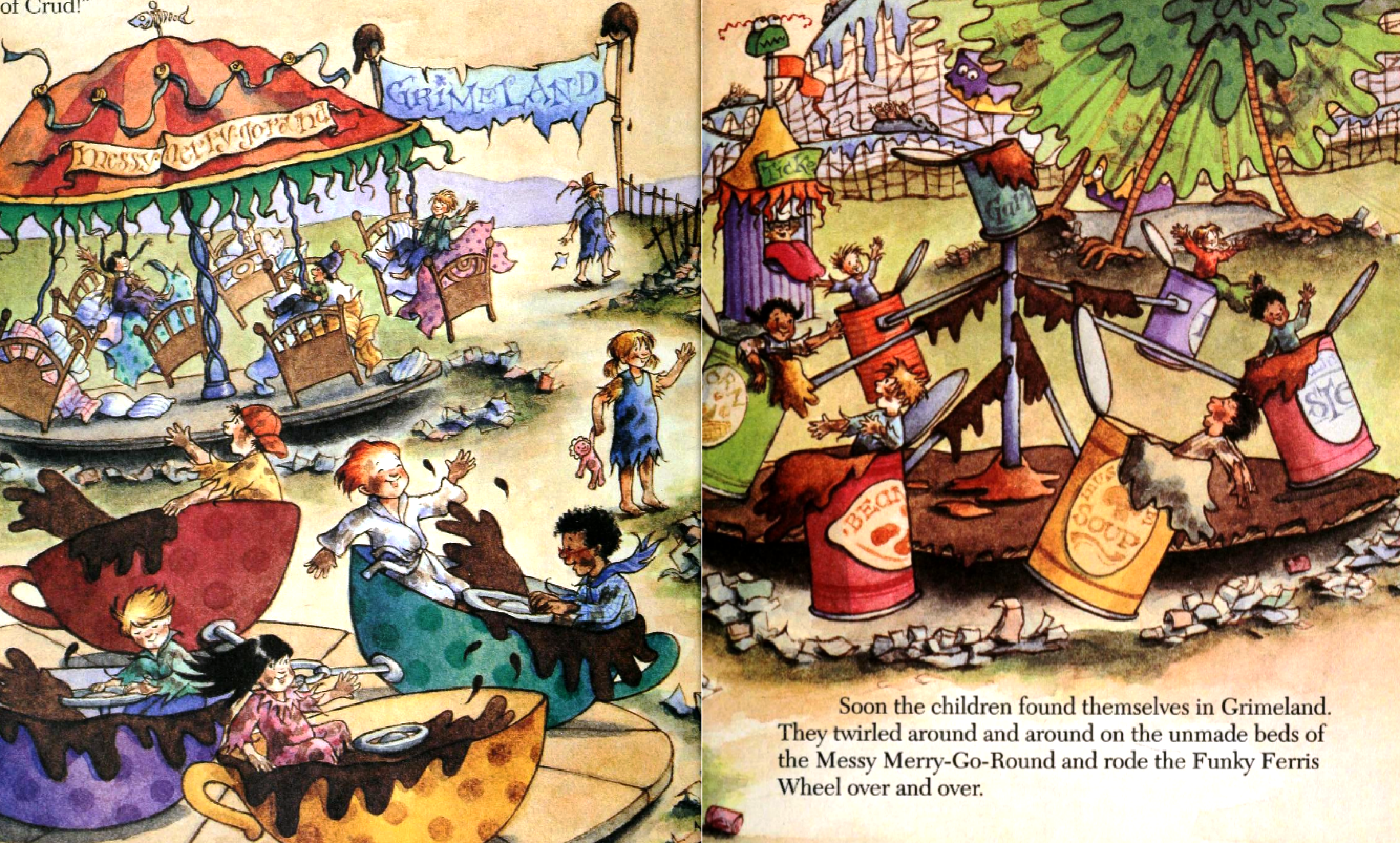
"This is fun!" Mike cried.

But playing tag through Nasty Bath Towel Forest was even more fun! Mike and the others raced through the jungle of stinky bath towels, laughing and shouting. Mike had never been so dirty in all his life! Little did he know that dirty bath towels sometimes contain nasty germs.



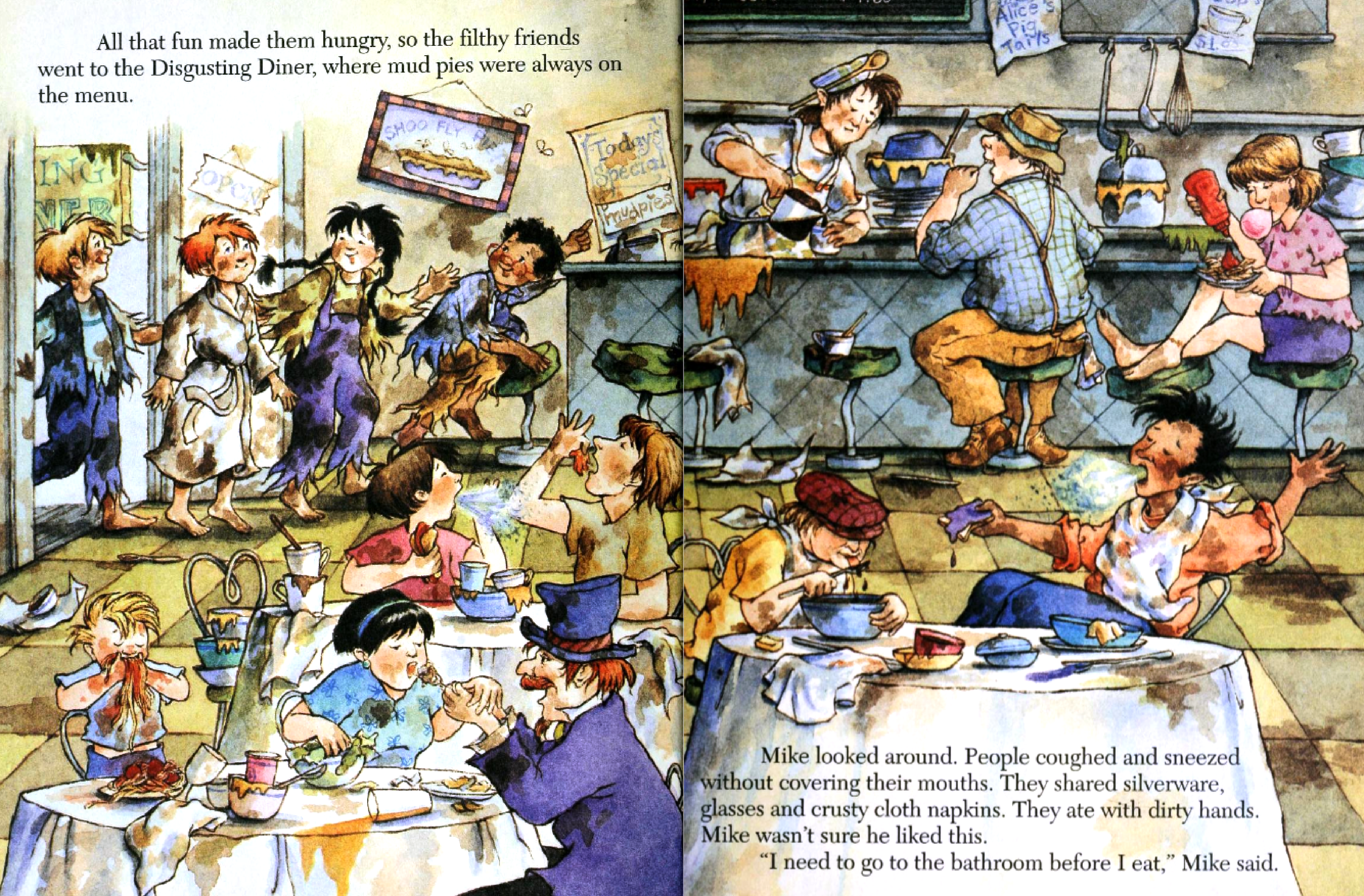
"Let's take Mike to Grimeland!" Grubby suggested.

Stinky agreed. "It's the dirtiest place in the whole Kingdom of Crud!"


GRIMELAND
Messy Merry-go-round
Tickets
BEANS
SOUP

Soon the children found themselves in Grimeland. They twirled around and around on the unmade beds of the Messy Merry-Go-Round and rode the Funky Ferris Wheel over and over.

All that fun made them hungry, so the filthy friends went to the Disgusting Diner, where mud pies were always on the menu.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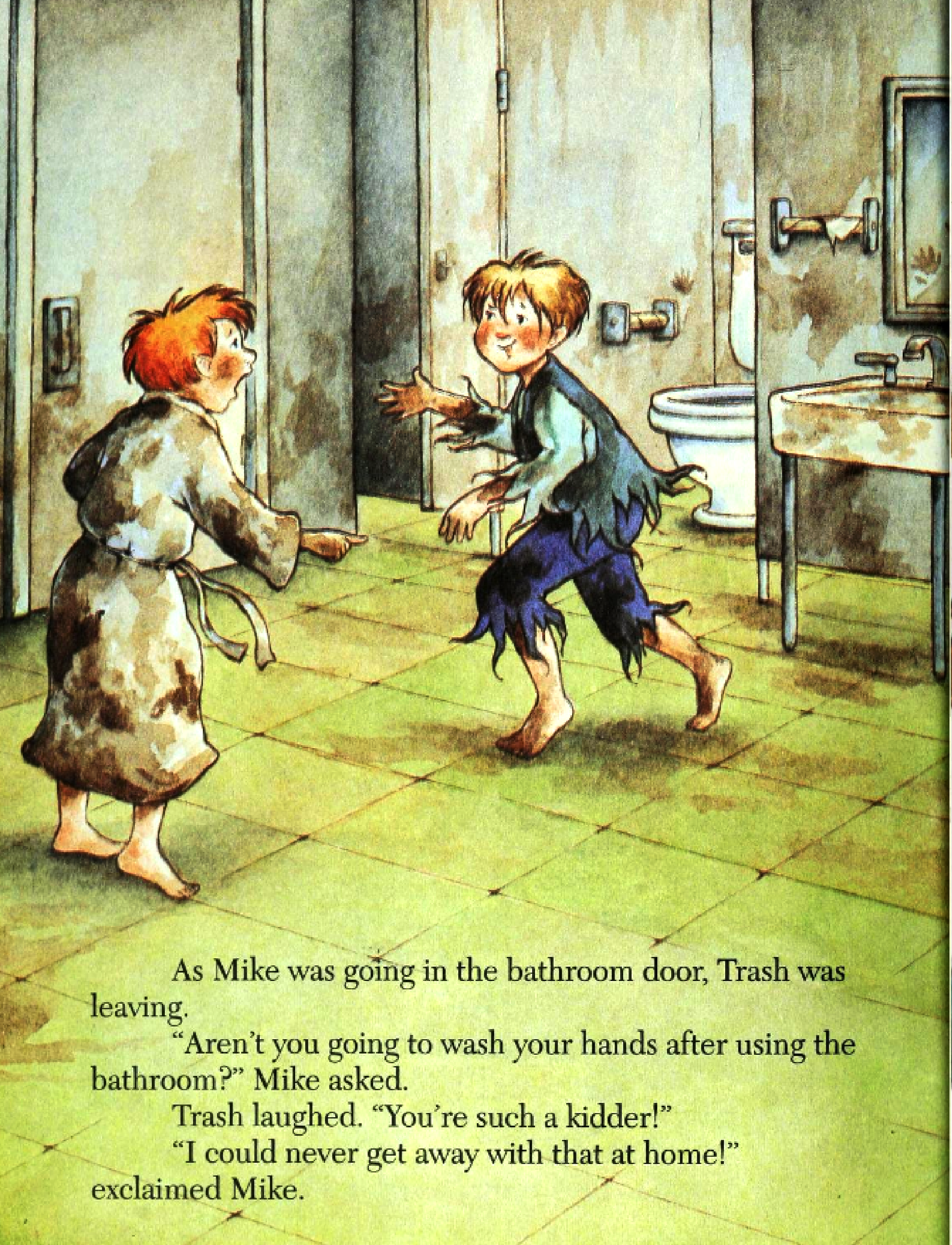
Mike looked around. People coughed and sneezed without covering their mouths. They shared silverware, glasses and crusty cloth napkins. They ate with dirty hands. Mike wasn't sure he liked this.

"I need to go to the bathroom before I eat," Mike said.



As Mike was going in the bathroom door, Trash was leaving.

"Aren't you going to wash your hands after using the bathroom?" Mike asked.

Trash laughed. "You're such a kidder!"

"I could never get away with that at home!" exclaimed Mike.

Suddenly, Mike felt like he was going to sneeze.

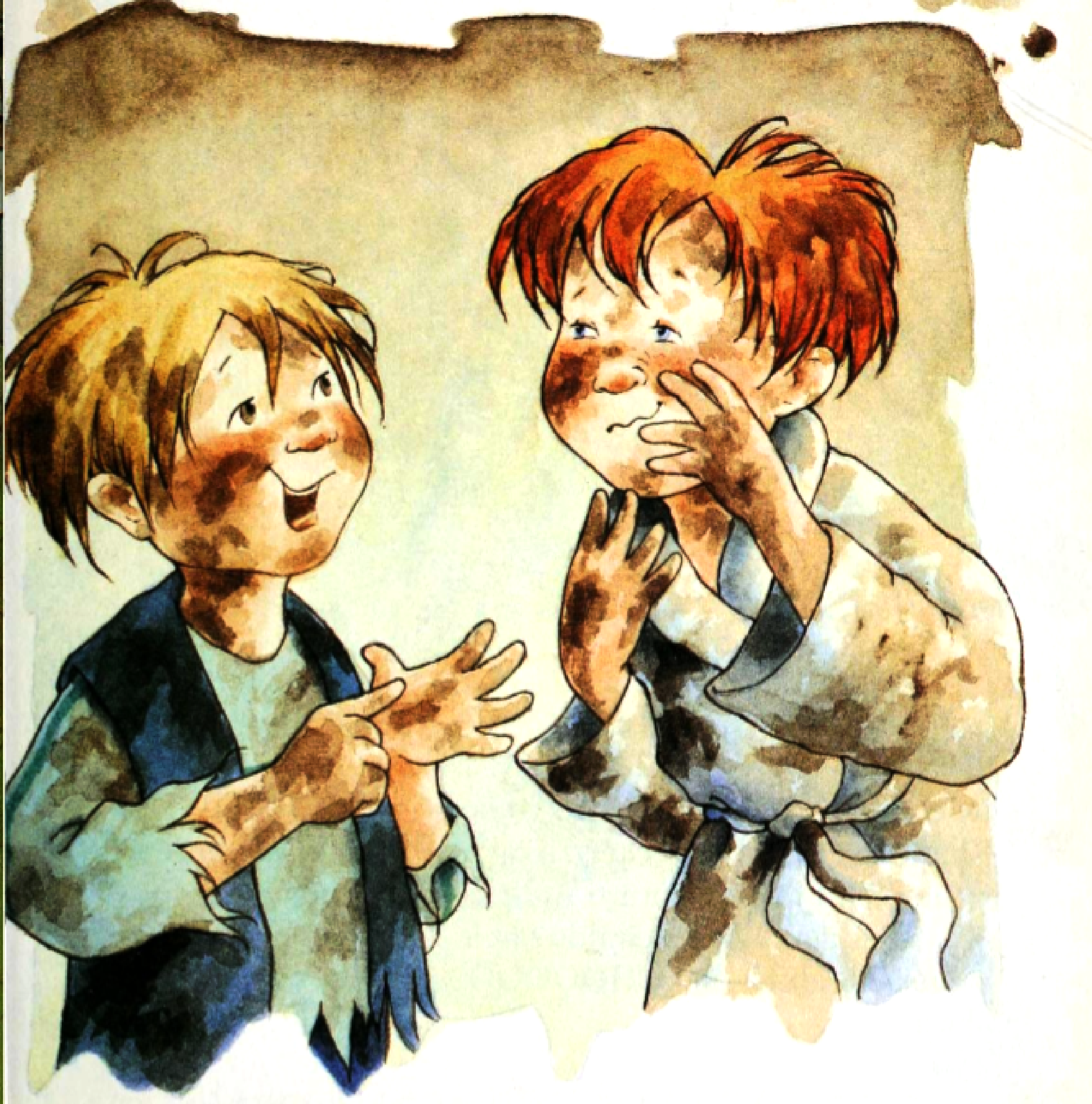
"Have you got a tissue?" he asked Trash.

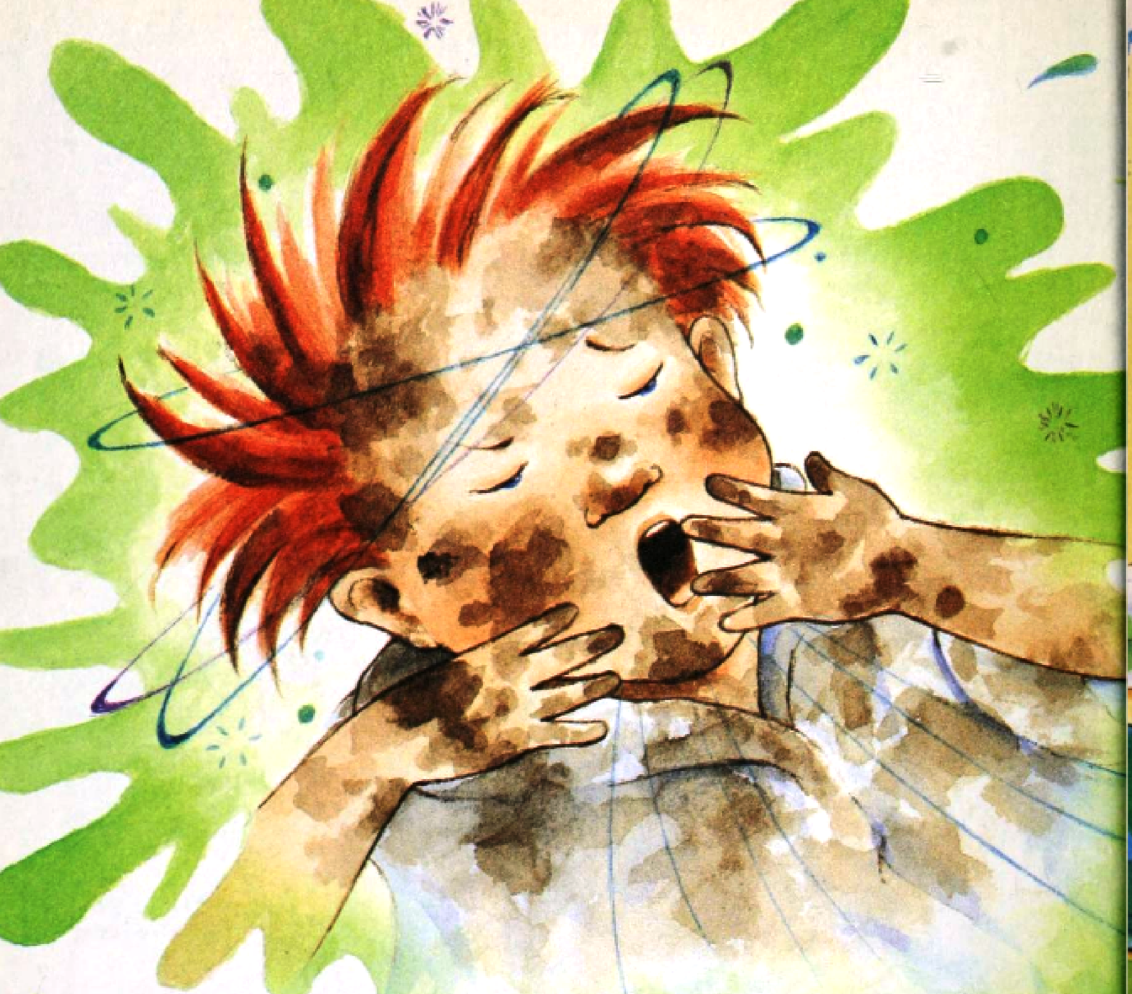
"No! We don't like those here!" Trash said.

Mike was confused. "You don't use tissues?"

Trash nodded. "Or paper towels…toilet paper…soap..."

"You mean you don't even have soap and paper towels?" Mike shouted. He couldn't believe it. "So how do you keep your hands clean?"





Mike was beginning to feel dizzy and sick. But sick from what? The sponges he swam in? The dishrags and towels he tumbled in? The Messy Merry-Go-Round he touched? He couldn't wait to go home and get clean. The Kingdom of Crud was everything he thought he'd ever wanted, but this adventure had changed his mind!

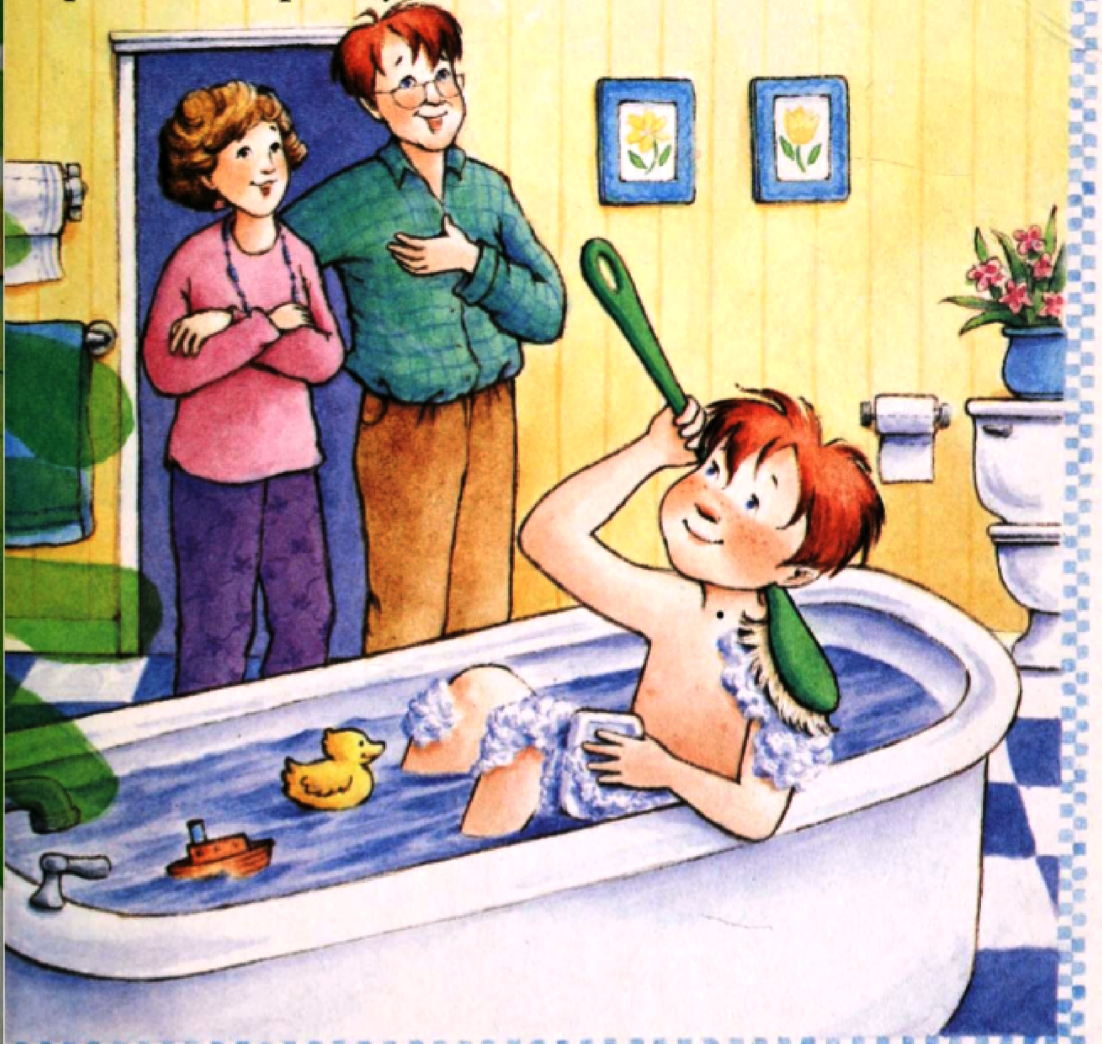
Suddenly, Mike couldn't hold in his sneeze any longer. Ah-ah-ah-ah...CHOOOOOOO! Mike's head spun like a top!

Suddenly, Mike realized he was back at home in the bathtub! He wasn't sick after all. And there were plenty of tissues, toilet paper, soap and paper towels in the nice, clean bathroom! He scrubbed himself happily.

"What's gotten over you?" Mike's mom exclaimed.

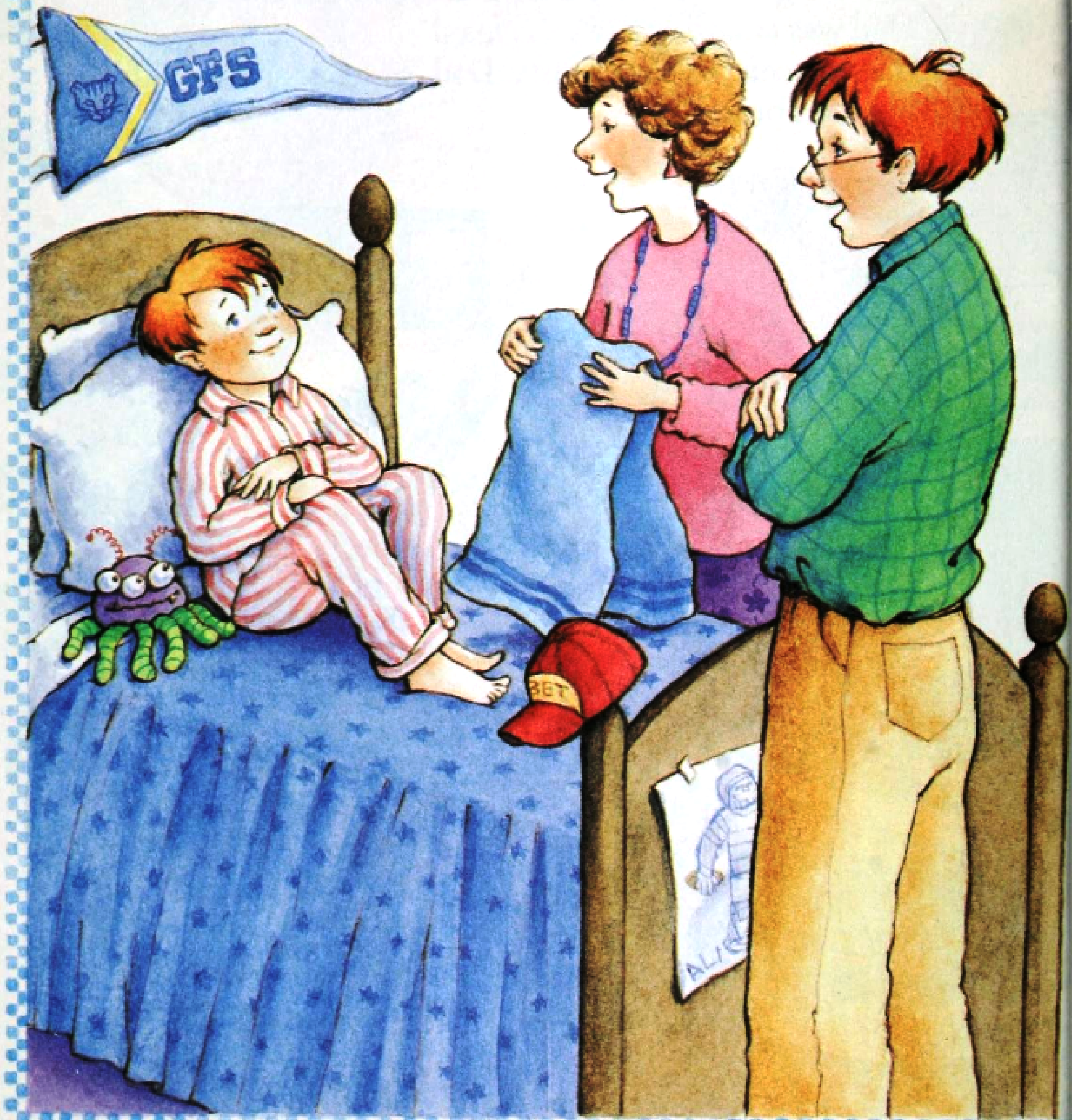
Dad was amazed. "He's so clean!"

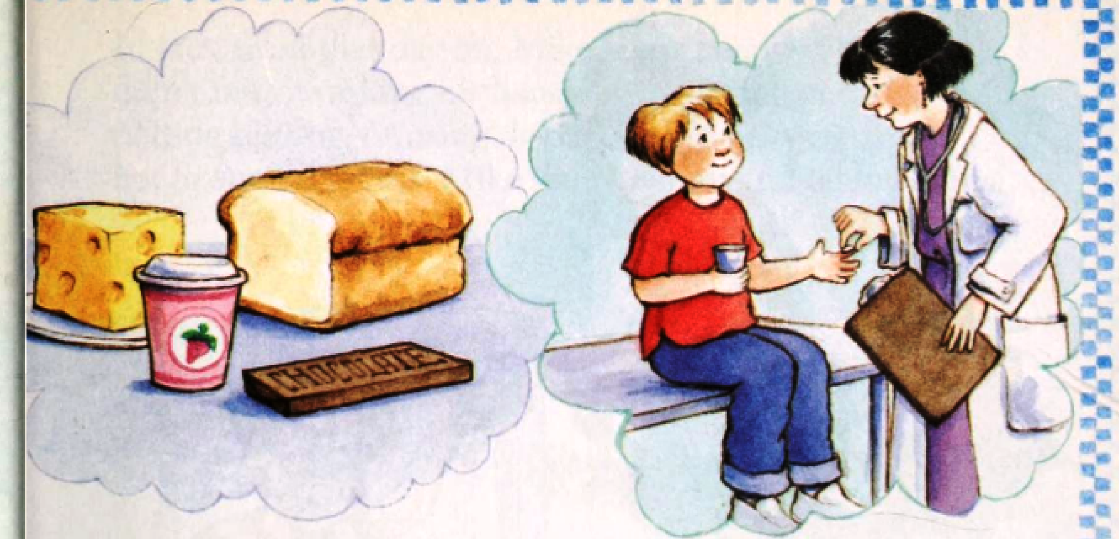
"Germs can be pretty nasty, Dad, so I cleaned myself up," Mike said proudly.



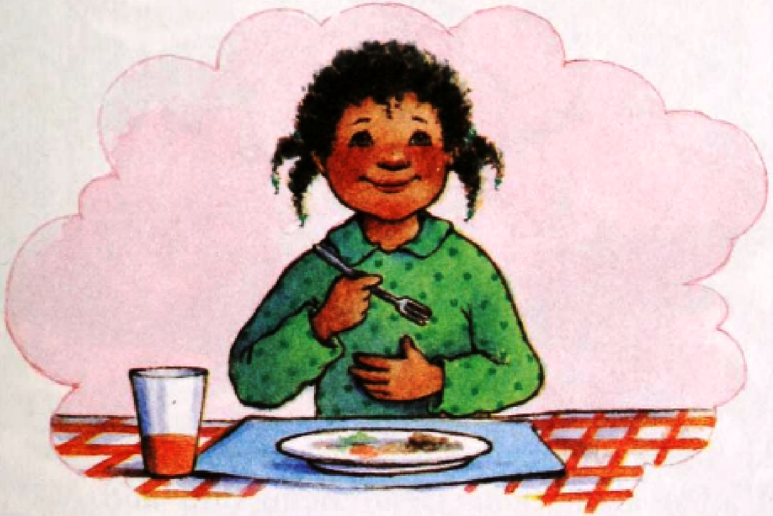
Mike's mom and dad explained that not all germs are bad.

"Sure, there are nasty germs, Mike," Dad said. "But there are also lots of good germs."

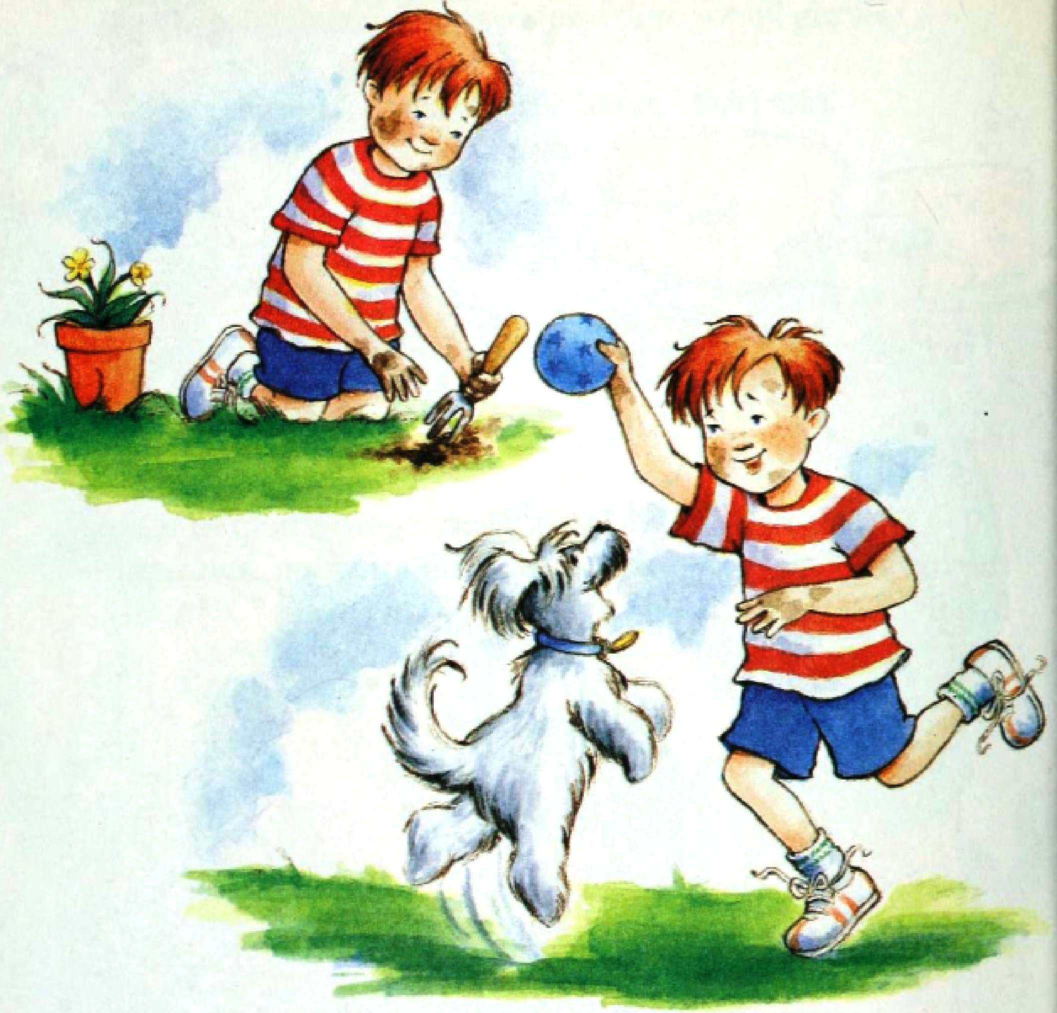




"That's right," said Mom. "Some germs help to make the food we eat, some protect us from infection, and some live in our bodies to help digest the food we eat."

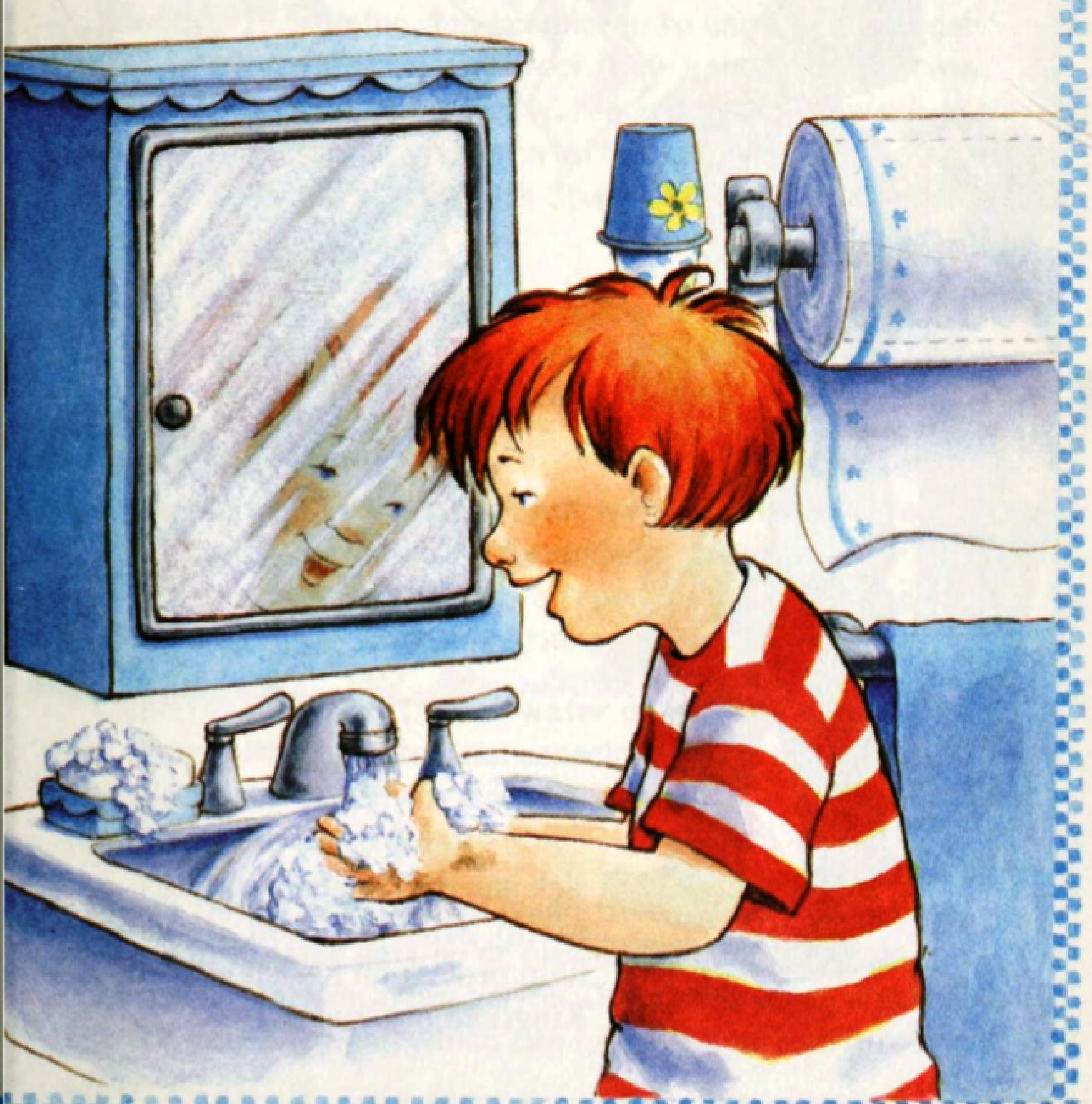


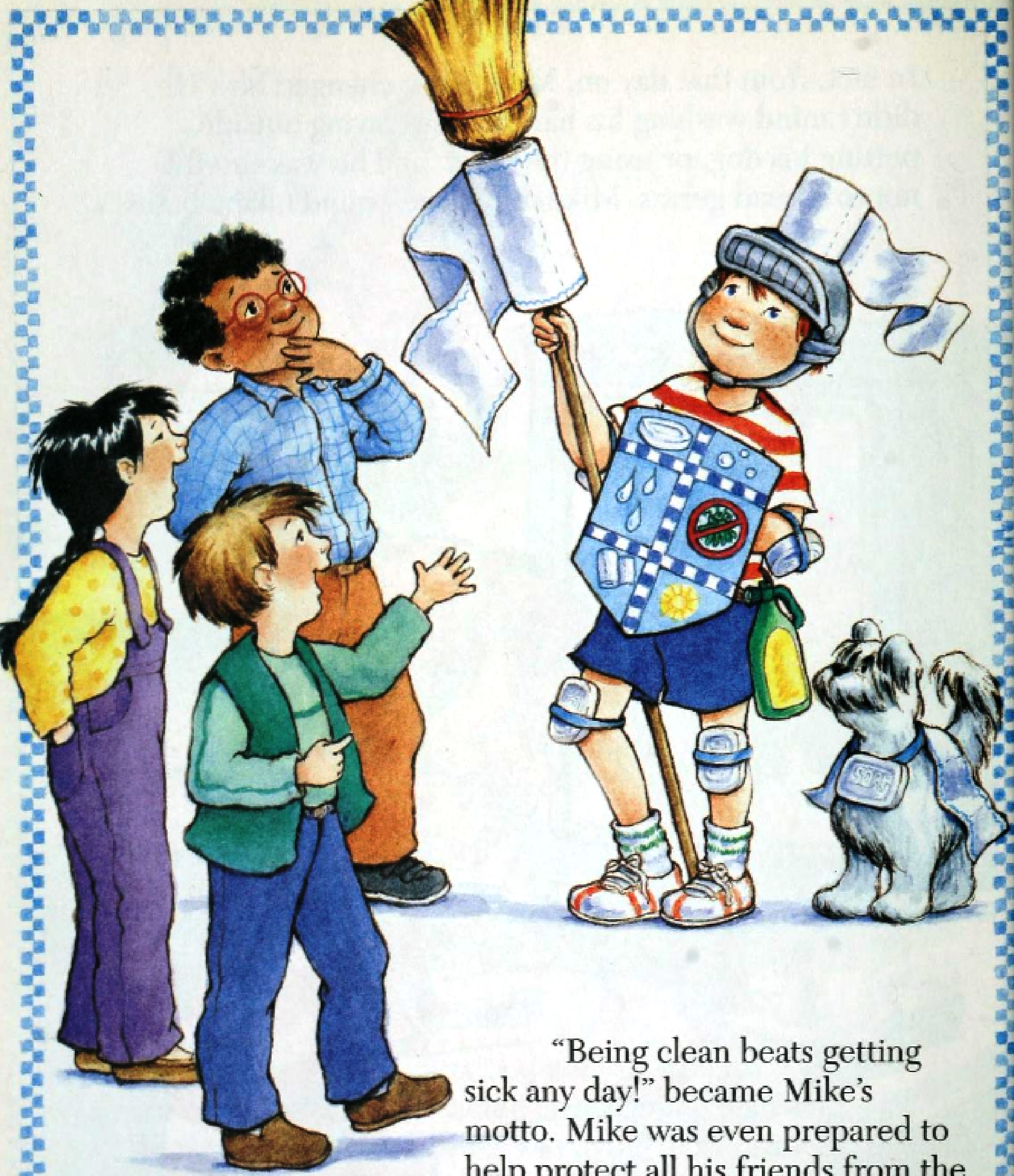
"The secret is to avoid the bad germs, like those found in garbage, rotting food, and animal and human wastes, which can make you very sick," Mike's dad continued.



Mike finally understood why his parents had made such a fuss about being clean. Being dirty and sick was no fun, and neither was living in the Kingdom of Crud!

In fact, from that day on, Mike was a changed boy. He didn't mind washing his hands after playing outside, petting his dog, or using the toilet, and he was careful not to spread germs. Mike didn't even mind taking baths!





"Being clean beats getting sick any day!" became Mike's motto. Mike was even prepared to help protect all his friends from the Kingdom of Crud!

Health Tips

from Georgia-Pacific

- When potty training, teach children to use enough Angel Soft® toilet paper to help protect their hands from germs when wiping. Most importantly, teach children to wash their hands with warm, soapy water after each visit to the toilet and dry them thoroughly with Sparkle® Paper Towels. Teach them by your example.

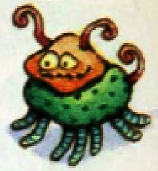
- Avoid using communal cloth towels for drying hands, especially when a family member is ill—use paper towels instead. Consider putting a paper towel holder in the bathroom.

- Clean high chair trays with hot water and disinfectant (follow directions carefully) for added protection after each use. Dry the tray using Sparkle Paper Towels, which can help wipe up and throw away the germs.

- Clean toys with hot, soapy water on a regular basis and dry them with paper towels, especially if the child has been sick. Use disinfectant for added protection. Be sure to follow the directions carefully.

- Teach family members to wash their hands with warm, soapy water after petting or playing with pets to help prevent contamination from germs. Dry hands using disposable Sparkle Paper Towels, which can help wipe up and throw away the germs.

A Note to Parents



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Georgia-Pacific, maker of Angel Soft® Bath Tissue, and Sparkle® Paper Towels and Napkins, knows how important a healthy, happy home is for you and your family. That's why we created the Georgia-Pacific Health Smart Institute, which has an advisory board of healthcare professionals, university scientists, and medical specialists, to provide educational information on simple ways to help protect your loved ones from germs. A first step in educating is to raise awareness of the use of paper products as a first line of defense against accidental contamination from germs in the home.

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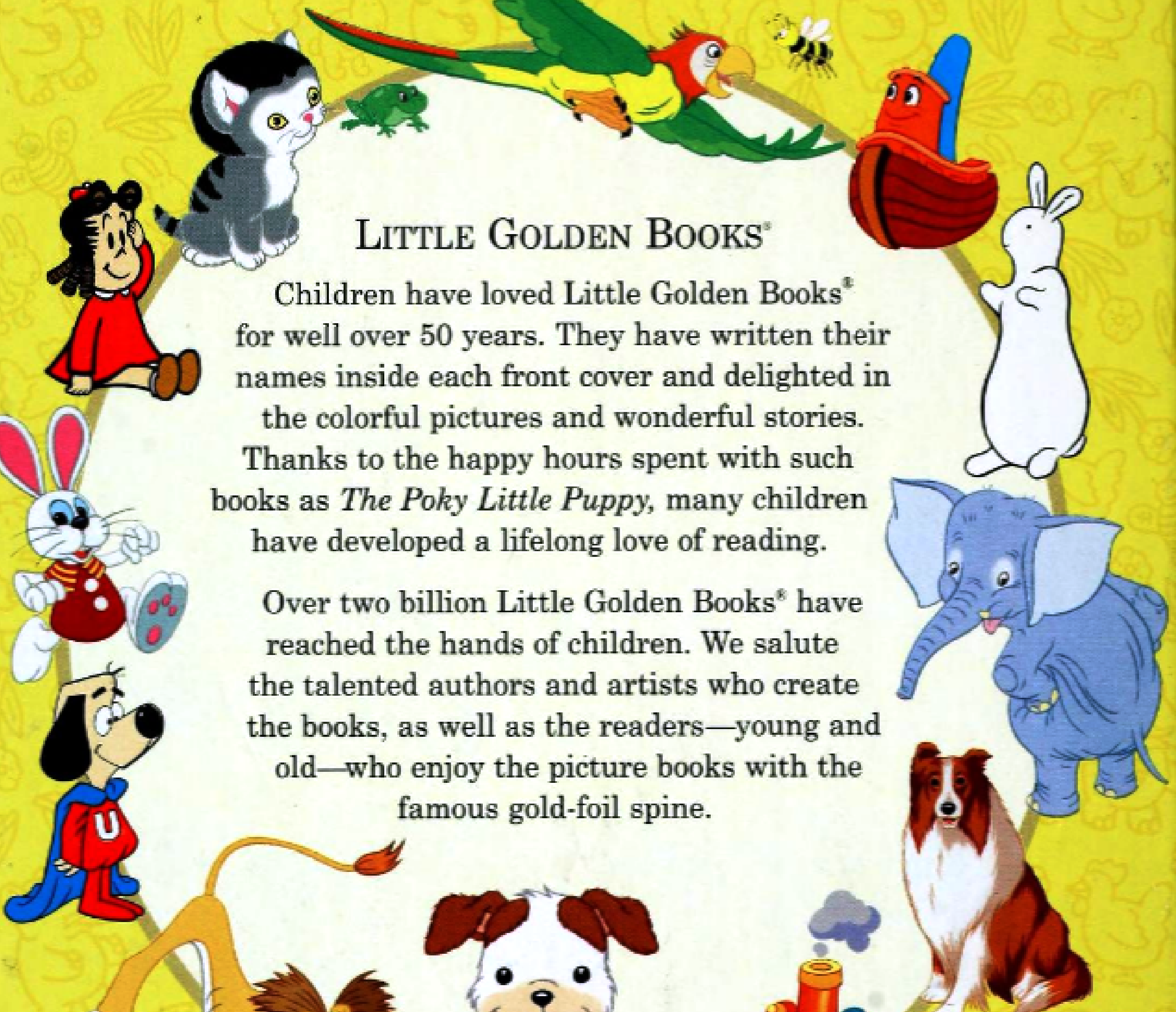

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